(c) whether the male partner of female Ass had also died in Delhi Zoo, some time before;

(d) whether it is a fact that similar incidents of serious sickness and death of endangered breed animals have been reported in the past in Delhi Zoo;

(e) whether these incidents show that Delhi Zoo lacks arrangements for keep of animals of endangered breed including poor look after of animals;

(f) whether Government propose to take some serious steps in this regard; and

(g) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The symptoms of the sickness were loss of appetite, frothy salivation, constipation and excoriation on the tongue. The reasons for such serious sickness was diagnosed as viral infection. However, inspite of all the efforts the animal died on 3-3-95.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There were some cases in the past of sickness and death of endangered animals in Zoo.

(e) to (g) Central Zoo Authority has evaluated the zoo while recognizing it and made certain recommendations which covers veterinary care also. The Zoo is taking steps to implement the recommendations in a phased manner as per fund availability.

"Provision for checking vehicular emissions"

1271. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme of the Central Pollution Control Board to check the smoke of vehicles in the capital;

(b) whether there is a provision for every petrol pump in the capital to keep instruments for checking vehicular emissions; and

(c) whether these instruments are properly calibrated to show accurate reading and what is the programme of Central Pollution Control Board to check calibration of these instruments in every petrol pump in the capital;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Directorate of Transport, Delhi Administration have approved a number of petrol pumps/workshops for monitoring of vehicular emissions and issuing a certificate of compliance.

(c) According to Central Pollution Control Board, during inspection it was found that at some places, the testing equipment were not properly maintained and calibrated. The Delhi Administration has been asked to take appropriate steps in the matter.

Forest cover in Andhra Pradesh

1272. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) How after the Ministry of Environment and Forests commission-